GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:23
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2008
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given environmental clearance to a number of power projects including hydro-power projects in various parts of the country, including Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such projects indicating their location, installed capacity, nature of Dam and its reservoir capacity;

(c) the details of projects awaiting environmental clearance and the steps taken to expedite the same;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of their impact on environment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 23 REGARDING "ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO POWER PROJECTS" ASKED BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA DUE FOR ANSWER ON 27.02.2008.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 168 power projects have been accorded environmental clearance during the last three years.This includes 128 thermal power projects, 39 hydroelectric projects and 1 nuclear power project. The State-wise break-up of these projects and their capacity is given in Annexure.

(c) As on 15th February, 2008, 43 power projects are pending for environmental clearance, which include 37 thermal power projects, 5 hydroelectric projects and 1 nuclear power project. To facilitate early decision on these projects, their status is monitored continuously.

(d)&(e) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 provides for appraisal of the impact that a project will have on the environment. This is done through EIA reports submitted by the project proponents and assessed by the multi-disciplinary Expert Appraisal Committees constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests for the purpose.